

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1 and 8-11 being independent.

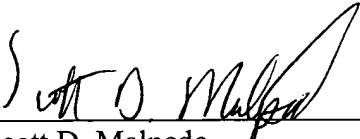
Applicants appreciatively acknowledge that Claims 1-12 have been allowed.

Claims 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. It also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0169848 A1 (Jabri et al.) and/or U.S. Patent No. 6,683,934 (Zhao et al.). Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, Claim 13 is herein cancelled. These rejections are therefore deemed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is submitted to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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